

City of Wyoming
Public Safety Committee
March 21, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The Public Safety Committee met in the Conference Room of the City Building on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were members Jenni McCauley – Chair, Jim O'Reilly, and Keith Desserich.

Staff in attendance included: Lynn Tetley – City Manager, Steve Ballinger – Police Sergeant, Rusty Herzog – Police Chief, Terry Huxel – Public Works Director, and Terry Vanderman – Community Development Director

Others in attendance included: None

Coyote Update

Chief Herzog reported that the Department continues to monitor coyote sighting reports, which are largely being communicated by residents using NextDoor. There have only been five calls received by the Police Department on this matter in 2016. Sergeant Ballinger provided a more detailed report on coyote management efforts in the past, which included a limited sharp-shooting effort by the Police Department in 2007 that was unsuccessful. The recommendation of the Police Department was to educate residents about ways to limit coyotes on or near their property to reduce the likelihood of any related threat to pets. Further, it was noted that trappers may be hired privately by residents who wish to trap and dispose of coyotes on their property. Because coyotes are classified as a nuisance animal, there is no regulated hunting season of this animal. This information will be disseminated to the community using the City newsletter and social media accounts.

Vehicle Break In Update

Chief Herzog provided a written report of petty vehicle thefts in the City from 11/1/15 through 1/31/16. In this time, there have been 104 incidents, most of which occurred from unlocked vehicles. The City is currently using a bait car with GPS enabled items that can be tracked if taken from the vehicle. Thus far, this car has not been tampered with as there have been no additional break-ins since January. Chief Herzog reminded the Committee of the importance of locking one's vehicle because accessible cars simply incentive criminals to return to the community.

Miscellaneous

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Tetley – City Manager